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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 12 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

The Senate met at 2:00 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord of all, You loved us before we loved You. Accept our thanksgiving for the gifts of life, love, and laughter.

Come among our lawmakers and manifest Your unifying love. Strengthen them in their work, leading them with Your wisdom. Lord, empower them to do Your work on Earth, even as it is done in Heaven. May they labor with the confidence that they are kept by Your power. Guide them into the future inspired by the knowledge that their times are in Your hands.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 16, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to Calendar No. 428, the appropriations bill at the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 428, H.R. 4660, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks and those of Senator MCCONNELL, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5:30 p.m. this afternoon.

At 5:30 p.m. there will be three cloture votes on U.S. district court judges: Mendoza, from Washington, Yandle from Illinois, and Gayles from Florida.

2014 WORLD CUP

Mr. President, on the lower level of the Statue of Liberty, there is a poem. It says a lot. It was written by Emma Lazarus.

Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me.

Those words encapsulate what is good about America. Those few lines represent the very makeup of this great country.

Over its history our Nation has welcomed the tired and poor of the world and made them strong. We have opened our doors to the best the world has to offer, and the United States has become better for it. Our country is a melting pot. Every aspect of our society reflects that, especially our athletes and soccer in particular.

I can remember when my middle son came home one night—he was just a boy; I assume he was maybe 10 years old—and he said, “I want to play soccer.”

I said, “What?”

“I want to play soccer.”

Soccer was not much of a sport in Nevada at that time. I thought, you know, if you are going to be an athlete, you have to play football, basketball, baseball, run track, high jump, long jump.

“I want to play soccer,” he said.

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